

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
HAGOOD, SC  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** - 11:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School classes will resume. In honor of our children, parents, and teachers, the congregation is invited to enjoy a hot dog lunch in the Parish House following the Church Service.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 p.m. - The Men's Club will host Community Night at the Parish House. Everyone is invited for good food, fun, and fellowship.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 p.m. - The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet at the home of Dianne LeNoir in Horatio.

**HELPERS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LAY READER</u></b>	<b><u>CHALICE</u></b>	<b><u>CRUCIFER</u></b>
<b>September 5 <i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	Ginnie DuBose	Billy Bruce Laddie DuBose	Laddie DuBose
<b>September 12 <i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	Dianne LeNoir	Laddie DuBose Mike Hoge	Michal Hoge
<b>September 19 <i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	Charlene Bruce	Billy Bruce	Michal Hoge
<b>September 26 <i>Morning Prayer</i></b>	Steve LeNoir	N/A	Laddie DuBose

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following members of our Church and/or community:

*The Rev. Jim Bain, Martha Branstool, Janice Brightwell, Jamie Browning, Henry Carrison III, Lori Cahill, Jamie Catoe, Debee Early, Frances Fobes, Chad Harrington, Florence Jackson, Theodosia Judson, Cheryl Laney, Barbara Ann Moree, Mary Parrish, Alicia Riddle, Logan Riley, Emmett Sanders, Jane Dennis Scott, Barbara Smith, Lily Luther Smith, Patsy Topping, and Heather Trimnal.*

**A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. PETE COOPER**

**Got Prayer?**

The following are excerpts from the latest issue of **Partners in Prayer**, the newsletter published by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. It is from an article by The Honorable

Edgar L. Barnes, a District Court Judge from Eastern North Carolina: *There are many in our modern day "enlightened" world who believe that prayer is outdated and a sign of weakness, and/or that, it is a practice relegated to simpleminded people who can't think for themselves and, therefore, must create a god who can control their lives for them. The undeniable truth is that humankind needs prayer. Edgar A. Guest, the 20<sup>th</sup> century poet, put it very simply:*

*"We dance too much, we play too much,  
But few they are who pray too much.  
We tread our selfish ways too much,  
But few give praise to God too much.*

*Life is difficult, and people are afraid, and to be without God is to lose man's greatest source of consolation and coherence. Without a firm belief in God there is utter despair amidst an endless search of significance.*

*Prayer heals, reconciles, motivates, regenerates, and purifies the hearts and minds of its practitioners. Prayer generates courage within us as we stand erect, taller of soul, and converse with God, listening to the whispers of His will, and learn the great lesson of life, that this world is merely a place to grow souls in, and that this life is only the introduction to life eternal. Is prayer a dying art? Thank God, not yet, as long as we lift our eyes to heaven daily, open our hearts to God and teach our children to do the same."*

Good strong words from an obviously committed Christian man; we can all learn from his description and experience. Now is not the time for timidity, despair or self-centered selfishness. Now is the time to seek God's guidance in prayer, continue to plan and work for the spread of the Kingdom, and to move forward in the confident knowledge that the Lord will continue to bless all that we do in His Name and for His Glory.

The turtle cannot move forward unless she sticks her neck out! Got prayer? Yes!

Faithfully,  
Pete

## **NOTES**

Adult Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m. in the Parish House each Sunday, and Children's Sunday School classes will resume at 11 a.m. on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to attend Community Night on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish House at 7:00 p.m. This enjoyable evening is an annual event that is free and is hosted by our wonderful Men's Club.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Episcopal Church Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. All the ladies of the Church are welcome and are encouraged to participate. Please call Dianne at 499-3055 if you need directions to her home in Horatio.

Ginnie reported that many school supplies were donated by our congregation for the "Gear Up For Learning" project held recently for Sumter School Districts 2 and 17. These school supplies were greatly appreciated, and we are grateful to Ginnie for delivering them to St. Mark's United Methodist Church for us.

Another of our faithful members, Randolph Kirkland, will be turning 90 this month. We wish for him a very Happy Birthday and many blessings throughout the coming year.

United Ministries is truly thankful for the non-perishable food items the members of our congregation contribute. The need is even greater at this time so please give generously. We are grateful to Laddie for delivering this food each month. Please continue to bring your aluminum tabs, and Irene Early will see that they get to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. Thank you, Irene.

Shacky Boykin, Ginnie DuBose, Dianne LeNoir, and Lynn LeNoir faithfully prepared the altar and provided flowers during the month of August.

Thanks to Peanut Crolley, Ginnie and Laddie DuBose, Bubba LeNoir, and David LeNoir for their assistance in trimming tree limbs and beautifying our Church grounds. We are blessed to have their help.

The Church's website address is: [www.churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com](http://www.churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com). Please take time to review the good work that John Holmberg, our Webmaster, has done.